GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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LOSS DUE TO EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loss suffered by State/Union Government due to recent Earthquake in Gujarat; and

(b) the relief/aid sent for the affected departments of State/Union Government departments as well as for victims of Earthquake?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): As per information made available by the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, about 1.59 crore people in 7,633 villages in 21 districts have been affected in the recent earthquake in Gujarat that occurred on January 26, 2001. This has resulted in loss of 19,988 human lives and caused injury to 1.66 lakhs of people in the State. The report also indicates that about 12.33 lakhs houses/huts have been either damaged or destroyed. Immediate assistance of Rs.500 crores has been released from the National Calamity Contingency Fund to the affected State.Other State Governments and Union Territory administrations have provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs.51.0 crores. In addition, about 70 countries and international organisations extended financial assistance to the tune of Rs.175.0 crores besides relief in the form of rescue teams, medical assistance, etc.